



June 5, 2008

Mr. Joe Yun
Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Local Assistance
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RE: Proposition 84 IRWM and Proposition 1E Stormwater-Flood Management Guideline Development

Dear Mr. Yun,

On behalf of the TreePeople, I am writing to provide input to the development of Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) and the Proposition 1E Stormwater-Flood Management grant guidelines.

We have been involved as a stakeholder group in the Upper Los Angeles Sub region of the Greater Los Angeles IRWM Plan. In the interest of making the Proposition 84 IRWM and Stormwater-Flood programs successful, we offer the following comments for guideline development:

1. Definition of a region: DWR should determine criteria for what constitutes a region that fulfills the intentions of IRWM program for integration and long-term planning for hydrologically-connected regions that addresses a multitude of issues, including water supply, water quality, stormwater management, flood management, open space preservation, and other related issues. These criteria should be explicitly defined in the Proposition 84 IRWM guidelines.

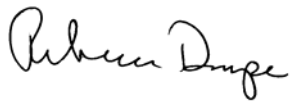
DWR's current proposal to conduct a "region assessment" could undermine and significantly set back progress made to date, in the Los Angeles region in particular. Originally, there were five regions in the Los Angeles area that applied for IRWM planning funding and DWR required them to combine their efforts in order to receive funding. DWR's proposed region assessment would open the door open for sub-regions to go their own way and cause regions to break apart.

2. Projects should be eligible for both IRWM funding and Stormwater-Flood funding separately. If DWR requires one priority project list from an IRWMP region that includes projects for both IRWM and Stormwater-Flood funding, this would not provide an opportunity for projects to be ranked based on the criteria for each program separately. Some projects may be eligible for both funding sources and may be more competitive for one source versus the other.

If DWR uses one application for both funding sources, the application should provide a place where each project can indicate one or both sources it is applying for.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments in regard to the development of the Proposition 84 IRWM and Proposition 1E Stormwater-Flood grant programs guidelines. We look forward to working with you as this process moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebecca Drayse".

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